

Under DRPT's new "Monitor" brand name for reporting, I am pleased to provide you with this first edition of the DRPT Quarterly Report. The Report is designed to communicate progress and provide updates on DRPT studies and projects.

One of the most innovative activities undertaken by DRPT this Quarter was the implementation of our On-Line Grant Application (OLGA) System. For the first time this year, State Aid Program applicants for FY05 filed all requests for financial assistance on-line. OLGA has performed very well in its first year of implementation. DRPT received \$285 million in requests from 106 applicants. For our grantees, OLGA has significantly reduced application preparation times and reduced the possibility of errors. For DRPT, it has dramatically increased the speed, accuracy and ease of the process for receiving and awarding financial assistance grants.

Additional highlights for the Quarter are provided below. This is just a small sample of the results achieved by DRPT and its partners throughout the Commonwealth.

Accomplishments Through Our Partners

◆ **New Commuter Parking Lot:** The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) officially broke ground on a new parking structure at the West Falls Church-VT/UVA Metrorail station that will feature 1,200 spaces by spring 2005.

◆ **New Facilities:** RADAR (Roanoke) and JAUNT (Charlottesville) began construction on their new administrative and maintenance facilities; Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc. awarded their construction contract for their new administrative and maintenance facility in Big Stone Gap.

◆ **Rail Study Public Meetings:** Public meetings were held in March for the Richmond to Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Study. The study includes an analysis of passenger rail service alternatives in both the Interstate 64 corridor from Richmond to Williamsburg to Newport News and the Route 460 corridor from Richmond to Petersburg to Norfolk.

◆ **New Transit Service:** The Virginia Regional Transportation Association (VRTA) began new transit service between Harrisonburg and Staunton and rural transit service in Page County.

◆ **Professional Development:** DRPT, with the Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP), provided management training for 16 rural transit providers.

◆ **New Train Station/Amtrak Service:** Main Street Station opened and Amtrak service began in downtown Richmond.

◆ **Completed Study/Agreement:** The Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project was completed. The Final EIS will be completed in Fall 2004. DRPT and WMATA staff completed technical negotiations on an agreement for WMATA management services during Preliminary Engineering. The WMATA Board will act on the agreement on April 15, 2004.

◆ **Leadership Initiatives:** DRPT is leading seven state agencies, the Departments of Aging, Mental Health, Retardation and Substance Abuse, Rehabilitative Services, Social Services, Blind and Visually Impaired, Medical Assistance Services and the Board for People with Disabilities, in improving coordinated efforts to facilitate specialized transportation.

DRPT is continuing to make progress with its partners throughout the Commonwealth and is looking forward to another successful Quarter.

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Project	Start Date	End Date	Est. Cost	Apprvd Budget	Actual Cost	Status	Results/ Comments
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Northern Virginia District

Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project – NEPA	Mar 2000	Nov 2004	\$45.6M	\$45.6M		Draft EIS and Supplemental Draft EIS completed. Final EIS is underway.	Following the Final EIS, DRPT will seek a Record of Decision from FTA for the entire project.
Dispatch Consolidation	Sep 2003	Nov 2003	\$91K	\$91K	\$91K	Project complete. On schedule and on budget.	Misrouting of VRE trains reduced and average train speed increased.
L'Enfant Third Main	Jun 2002	May 2005	\$4.9M	TBD		On Schedule. Pending CSX Agreement	VRE can add one additional midday train
SRO to RO Third Main	Jun 2002	Jun 2005	\$3.9M	TBD		On Schedule. Pending CSX Agreement	VRE to add 1 Fred'burg and 1 Manassas train.
AF Interlocking	Jul 2000	Oct 2001	\$12.5M	\$13.2M	\$14.4M	Complete On Schedule. \$1.2M CSX cost overrun	1 midday VRE train. 47% decrease in delays.
Franconia Third Main	Jun 2002	Dec 2005	\$11.5M	TBD		On Schedule. Pending CSX Agreement	One additional VRE train to Fredericksburg.
Quantico Creek Bridge	Sep 2002	Dec 2006	\$21.1M	\$23.2M		On Schedule.	Will eliminate only single track section corridor. Project managed by VRE

Fredericksburg District

Arkendale Crossovers	Jun 2002	Apr 2005	\$5.5M	TBD		On Schedule. Pending CSX Agreement	VRE can add one additional midday train.
Fredericksburg Third Main	Jun 2002	Dec 2005	\$18.4M	TBD		Delayed. Insufficient funding. Review underway. Pending CSX Agreement	VRE to add 1 Fred'burg and 1 Manassas train.

Richmond District

Ellet's Crossover	Jun 2002	Jun 2005	\$6.8M	TBD		On Schedule. Pending CSX Agreement	VRE to add 1 Fred'burg and 1 Manassas train.
Richmond Area Improvements	Jan 2002	May 2005	\$15.6M	TBD		Delayed. Schedule and Budget being negotiated with CSX.	Reduce train travel time from Staples Mill to Main Street by 5 minutes

Bristol District

TransDominion Express	Feb 2001		\$120.0M	\$9.3M		Preliminary Studies Complete. Amtrak cost estimate due March 2004.	DRPT Staff is reviewing alternatives for limited service initiation
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Passenger Rail Studies

Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor EIS	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	\$1.5M	\$1.5M		On Schedule and On Budget.	Study being conducted by North Carolina DOT.
Richmond/ Hampton Roads Pass. Rail Study	Sep 2003	Dec 2004	\$0.96M	\$0.96M		On Schedule and On Budget.	Identify optimal passenger rail service for Hampton Roads region.